

REMARKS

5 Applicant thanks the Examiner for his courtesy and assistance during an interview, which was held on 31 October 2006.

 During the interview Applicant discussed various aspects of the invention which distinguished it from the art of record. A key distinction comprises the notion of phrasal stroke input wherein multiple characters are input by a stroke. Accordingly, Applicant has amended independent Claims 1, 29, and 56 to direct the claims to a "reduced keyboard input device..." where "the generated input sequence has an interpretation that is ambiguous due to the plurality of strokes or phonetic characters associated with each input..." The invention comprises both "an input method specific database containing at least one of a set of stroke sequences corresponding to input sequences and a set of phonetic sequences corresponding to input sequences." The invention also comprises an ideographic sequence database associated with both stroke sequences and phonetic sequences. In the ideographic sequence database, "each sequence [represents]... a phrase comprising two or more ideographic characters." The invention compares an input sequence "using said input method specific database" and finds "one or more stroke or phonetic sequences corresponding to the input sequence." The invention then converts "found stroke or phonetic sequences to one or more corresponding sequences representing phrases comprising two or more ideographic characters using said ideographic sequence database." Finally, the invention displays "one or more found stroke or phonetic sequences, and one or more phrases corresponding to said sequences." Applicant's impression is that the Examiner agreed that these distinctions would enable the invention to claim subject matter which avoided the art of record.

Support for the foregoing may be found at least on page 15, line 1 through page 18, line 14 of the Specification.

Should the Examiner find it helpful, he is encouraged to contact Applicant's attorney, Michael A. Glenn, at (650) 474-8400.

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Respectfully submitted,

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